

## Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health 2020 Workplan

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### Policy

Issue	Activities	Timeline	Output/Outcome	Status/Update
<b>Medi-Cal Healthier for All</b>	<p>CCJBH staff will participate in the behavioral health workgroup of the Medi-Cal Healthier for All Initiative and monitor other relevant workgroups</p> <p>CCJBH will participate or aid in identifying key subject matter experts for sub-workgroups for key proposals such as Medi-Cal Enrollment, Warm Hand-Off, and Behavioral Health Integration</p> <p>Monitor DHCS guidance related to COVID-19 and CalAIM</p>	Continuing from late 2019 and on-going	<p>Submit written 2/5 workgroup recommendations by end of March</p> <p>Provide analysis, feedback and comments as needed as proposals evolve – focus comments on what is most critical to accomplish in a post-COVID-19 recession.</p>	<p>Comments submitted in March</p> <p>CalAIM workgroups are on hold</p> <p>Will review and respond to CalAIM issues as they resume, especially issues submitted as part of the Medi-Cal Waiver Renewal</p>
<b>Homelessness</b>	<p>CCJBH is collaborating with the Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center and the Melville Charitable Trust to further efforts to study strategies and develop policy recommendations to improve housing outcomes for individuals in the intersection of criminal justice and behavioral health systems. This effort will build off work already completed in 2019.</p> <p>Widely disseminate the housing policy brief from 2019, including developing more user-</p>	<p>Develop SOW in February with activities on-going through 2020</p> <p>Feb/March</p>	Written policy recommendations by CSG focused California	SOW completed, revised to include flexibility to address and assess the impact of COVID-19 and the recession on housing services

	<p>friendly products to convene the information to stakeholders and policy-makers</p> <p>Continue to analyze and provide feedback, as appropriate, on various administrative, legislative, and/or stakeholder driven proposals to address homelessness and housing insecurity among individuals who are justice-involved and experiencing behavioral health challenges such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>California Access to Housing and Services Fund</i> in the Department of Social Services (DSS)</li> <li>• <i>Community Care Collaborative Pilot</i> to be implemented with 3 counties in partnership with the Department of State Hospitals (DSH)</li> <li>• <i>Multi-Agency State Crisis Response Team</i> comprised of the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council, the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency; the Government Operations Agency; the Health and Human Services Agency; the Labor and Workforce Development Agency; and the State Transportation Agency.</li> </ul> <p>Continue to approach solutions to homelessness with strategies that address the drivers of the crisis such as poverty,</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>Fact sheet(s), Roll into policy work with CSG and Melville Trust</p> <p>Fact Sheets, Presentations, etc.</p> <p>Roll into policy work with CSG and the Melville Trust</p>	<p>Executive Summary Housing Fact Sheet is complete</p> <p>Address/Re-assess as impacted by COVID-19 and budget cuts</p>
		<p>On-going</p>		

	<p>marginalization and discrimination by focusing on policies that,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve SSI/SSDI access and rates,</li> <li>• Increase opportunities to employment and educational services, and,</li> <li>• Address barriers to access due to criminal justice status.</li> </ul> <p>Monitor and better understand how money provided to local and regional entities in FY 18-19 and FY 19-20 is being used</p>	On-going		
<b>Behavioral Health Transformation</b>	<p>CCJBH staff to participate on the DHCS Stakeholder Advisory Committee and Behavioral Health subcommittee of the Advisory Committee</p> <p>Apply for participation on the Governor's Behavioral Health Task Force to address the urgent mental health and substance use disorder needs across California. The panel will advise the Administration's efforts to advance statewide behavioral health services, prevention, and early intervention to stabilize conditions before they become severe. The mission of the task force is to develop recommendations for the Governor about how California can provide timely access to high-quality behavioral health care for all of its residents.</p>	<p>Quarterly</p> <p>Quarterly</p>	Potential written summaries or reporting feedback from various subject matter experts/ stakeholder	CCJBH was selected and is represented on the Advisory Committee. It is unclear if this initiative will continue this year due to COVID-19/ recession

	Anticipate and actively participate in discussions about revisions to the Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act and the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)	Unknown	Potential written summaries or reporting feedback from various subject matter experts/ stakeholder	Several organizations have made recommendations regarding how the MHSA can be temporarily changed to support addressing urgent COVID-19 induced issues
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### Projects

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<b>Making the Case for Diversion and Supporting the Implementation of Pre-Trial Diversion</b>	Develop a request for proposal (RFP) to expend the remaining FY 20-21 TA funds to support Diversion Implementation.	RFP released in spring with contract awarded for FY 20-21	Policy recommendations with identified next steps to support expanded mental health diversion best practices statewide.	RFP revised to reflect changed deliverables that will support successful diversion with COVID-19 and budget cuts
	Making the Case for Diversion TA contract with partners in critical roles and leadership such as District Attorneys, Judges, and other local elected officials.	Summer/ Fall	Develop trainings, toolkits, webinars	Contracts were amended to focus on distance learning, incorporate COVID-19 impact, activities pushed into fall and will be on-going through FY 20-21.

<b>Data- Driven Strategies</b>	Continue to conduct and share findings from data analysis in the CDCR-DHCS Medi-Cal Utilization Project. Access data regarding people released from CDCR facilities in 2018. Examine utilization of community-based behavioral health services as a means of achieving desired outcomes.	Ongoing	Quarterly policy briefs	Policy brief on <i>Reducing Preventable Emergency and Inpatient Utilization</i> is in the review process and once approved will be widely disseminated
	Increase staff capacity to develop and implement an evaluation framework by releasing an RFP and executing a contract. Access data from multiple sources, including data that are not currently available, and conduct original data analysis to inform policies about criminal justice and behavioral health. Identify publicly available, statewide data that could be fruitfully analyzed and analyze these data as needed.	RFP Released March, contract executed by June	Reports on available data sources and potential framework models	On-time for contract execution by June
	Participate in open data initiatives to represent interest in furthering our efforts to work with fellow departments and systems share data to improve data-driven decision-making. CHHS is establishing a Center for Data Insights and Innovation by integrating the Office of Innovation, the Office of the Patient Advocate and the Office of Health Information Integrity. The goal of this consolidation includes but is not limited to, improving the use and quality of data for program planning, policy development and			HPS II position unfilled even after a special recruiting process, will continue to seek strategies to fill position  Continue as appropriate but unclear if and to what extent initiatives like this will continue during the fiscal downturn/ COVID-19

	enhancing the capacity of the state to link data to inform policy and decision-making.			
<b>Lived Experience Contracts</b>	Disseminate findings from statewide community engagement process which includes regional forum listening sessions, focus groups, key informant interviews, published data and existing knowledge/community practices.	Spring	Manage state and local level contractors conducting a variety of activities that elevate the perspective of individuals with lived experience.	On-time for contracts to be executed by June
	Develop RFP using information learned through community engagement process and complete a competitive bid process to award contracts.	Spring/Summer	This will give CCJBH an opportunity to incorporate the voice and perspective of individuals with lived experience into the work the CCJBH does.	
	Initiate and facilitate a collaborative working relationship among contractors to engage on similar issues to make a collective impact.	Summer/Fall		
	Develop contract monitoring tools (i.e. progress report) and project evaluation protocols.	Summer		
	Monitor contracts for compliance.	On-going		
<b>Juvenile Justice</b>	Identify baseline data of the prevalence of youth with behavioral health needs in the local juvenile detention centers / juvenile justice systems	Spring/Summer	Factsheet	On-time, in queue for approval
	Develop a survey distributed statewide, to assess what factors local implementers and	Spring/Summer	Policy Brief/Factsheet	

	<p>stakeholders attribute to the decline and concentration of the population</p> <p>Focus investments on rehabilitation through child and parent or family member visitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research state correctional facility protocols for children and family member visitations</li> </ul> <p>Focus investments on youth under the age of 13 years old that are at risk of justice involvement and or have behavioral health needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seek to support the work of the California Surgeon General and the California Department of Education regarding ACEs and preventative programs to mitigate or divert youth with high ACEs from becoming justice-involved by collaborating on a youth prevention forum. Address prevalence rates, youth prevention/diversion programs, probation youth and crossover youth benefits.</li> <li>• Educate Legislature on emerging juvenile justice issues.</li> </ul>	<p>Summer/Fall</p> <p>Spring/On-going</p>	<p>Research/ Monitor</p> <p>Consult with JJ Workgroup advisors to determine appropriate outcome</p>	<p>Currently assessing the impact of COVID-19 on priority projects in this area</p> <p>HOLD: Consider revising to focus on key impacts of COVID-19/new fiscal restraints</p>
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## Partnerships

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<b>Stakeholder Relationship Building</b>	Assess capacity and value of attending at least one board meeting/ conference or committee meetings of key stakeholders, especially partners in the Stepping Up Statewide Steering Committee including CSAC, BSCC, CSSA, CPOC, CBHDA, MHSAOC, FMHAC/W2D, and Judicial Council. Seek to include council members in these opportunities	On-going	Increased collaboration, knowledge, and incorporation of the perspectives of these partners in CCJBH's work	COVID-19 makes it critical to track partners work and needs
<b>Strengthen Partnerships</b>	Active participation in current commitments – DHCS Stakeholder Advisory Committee, Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council, Behavioral Health Action, California Coalition for Mental Health, and the National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Directors	On-going		Most of the organizations and associations are still meeting and will be critical to track COVID-19 issues and impact
	Support CDCR, through participation on Integrated Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program (ISUDT) Executive Steering Committee, ISUDT Transition Services Business Team to support program development and implementation. ISUDT is a top initiative of the Department, implementing an enhanced program to better treat substance use disorder in all state institutions.	On-going	Support the goal to ensure access to resources in successful transition into prison, between prison and back into the community. Improve communication between systems	On Hold
	Continue facilitation of quarterly Transitions Workgroup between CCJBH, CDCR and County	On-going		On Hold but in the interim created a



	<p>Behavioral Health Directors Association. Through this group we will explore topics such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting a warm handoff for individuals transitioning between state and counties who have an identified behavioral health needs</li> <li>• Implementation of MHSA - SB 389 (Hertzberg)</li> <li>• Coordination of existing CDCR services with County Behavioral Health</li> </ul> <p>Encourage interest in policy-relevant, actionable criminal justice and behavioral health research among academic and policy researchers and share results from CCJBH's original data analysis broadly</p>	Fall	<p>Participate in American Sociological Association Sociology in Practice Settings Symposium &amp; Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Research Conference</p>	<p>fact sheet to clarify that the MHSA can now be used to serve parolees</p> <p>Once approved will widely disseminate fact sheet</p>
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### Operations

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<b>Create functional organization and operational procedures for the council and staff</b>	Develop mechanisms to better solicit member input and participation in a timely manner and capitalize on expertise, knowledge and peer relationships	Spring	Support members to champion issues in their networks	Underway but needs revision due to COVID-19
<b>Improve general management and relieve program and policy staff from unnecessary administrative duties</b>	<p>With new administrative staff complete the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean out files, update contact lists and mailing groups, archive files as needed</li> <li>• Organize personnel files including council member files (reimbursements, 700 forms, etc.)</li> <li>• Create supervision, mentoring, team, project, and Master calendar</li> <li>• Create a mechanism to ensure staff keep up on required training and are selecting training opportunities to build skills, strengthen partnerships, and support the success of CCJBH projects</li> </ul> <p>Complete hiring of new staff, onboard and train staff, revise duty statements and update job descriptions to reflect new staff and responsibilities</p>	<p>On-going</p> <p>Summer</p>	<p>Staff will work to the top of their skillset and have opportunities to further build skillsets</p> <p>Internal documents on staffing and workload assignments</p>	<p>Underway but delayed due to unfilled staff positions</p> <p>Underway but delayed due to unfilled staff positions</p>
<b>Improve communication strategies by</b>	Update the CCJBH Communication Plan to be aligned with current activities and to leverage in-	Summer	Increase CCJBH's profile and recognition and grow participation in	Delayed due to unfilled staff and needs revision and

<b>strengthening the products and activities that work best to reach priority audiences</b>	house capacity as well the dissemination channels of CCJBH partners and stakeholders		meetings and events, especially by policy and thought leaders.	due to COVID-19. Complete by Summer
	Update the website and maintain current with CCJBH activities.	On-going	Keep timely information accessible	Launch in Summer
	Continue to explore efficient and effective ways to develop and dissemination a useful, timely and relevant E-Newsletter within the capacity of the staff	On-going	Raise awareness of community and individual successes	Launch revised and improved newsletter by end of Summer
<b>Monitor, assess, and inform legislative, budget, program, and other policy issues of crucial relevance to the mission of CCJBH</b>	<p>Create and manage the CCJBH bill list, share key bills of interest with partners and stakeholders, provide consultant or linkage to Subject Matter Experts (SME) as requested</p> <p>Maintain general awareness of key legislative, budget, and program issues that emerge and could benefit from the expertise of CCJBH or from CCJBH providing a link to local, state, or national SMEs</p>	On-going	Inform legislation, budget and policy/program issues with subject matter expertise of Council members and staff	Will be impacted by COVID-19 and the fiscal outlook, budget cycle will change (another revision in August) and only critical legislation and policy to support COVID-19 and recession responses